

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: **Atsushi TAKAHASHI**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on **March 6, 2009**, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the remarks that follow, that each of the pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

**REMARKS**

Present Status of Application

Claims 1, 3-8, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dedy et al (2,265,804, hereinafter "Dedy") in view of Politzer et al (2,804,728, hereinafter "Politzer"). Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dedy in view of Politzer, and in further view of Hirota et al (JP 2002053469, hereinafter "Hirota"). Claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over St. Cyer (US 5,042,840, hereinafter "St. Cyer") in view of Politzer.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.